

HOUSE BILL 860

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to organ donation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-30-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) An organ procurement organization shall contact the classes of persons listed in subsection (a), in the order of priority listed, within five (5) hours of the death of the decedent to:

(A) Inquire about donation of a part or the whole of the decedent's body; or

(B) Schedule to pick up the part or body of the decedent.

(2) If, after five (5) hours of the death of the decedent, the organ procurement organization fails or is unable to execute the duty outlined in subdivision (d)(1), then a hospital licensed under this title, a nurse licensed under title 63, or a physician licensed under title 63 is authorized to contact the classes of persons listed in subsection (a), in the order of priority listed, to:

(A) Inquire about donation of a part or the whole of the decedent's body; or

(B) Schedule to pick up the part or body of the decedent.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.